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VOTING IN MORE THAN 100 LOCAL DISTRICTS IS UNDERWAY Vote by Mail for November 3, 2009 Consolidated Elections Underway

Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean Logan today reminded the more than 1.7 million registered voters participating in the upcoming Consolidated Elections that they can request Vote by Mail ballots beginning Monday, October 5 through Tuesday, October 27. The November 3, 2009 Consolidated Elections will decide the fate of 103 active local and special districts, from City Council and School Board contests, to local Water Boards, including nearly two dozen local ballot measures. Starting October 5, 2009 the RR/CC will kick off the election by mailing more than a quarter of a million ballots to permanent Vote by Mail voters.

"Staff has been diligently assembling Vote by Mail packets for the 301,000 Permanent Vote by Mail voters eligible to vote in this election," said Logan. "Approximately 312,000 Vote by Mail packets have been completed thus far, including 7,800 packets for military personnel and individual Vote by Mail requests received through yesterday, which will be mailed starting on October 5th." Voted ballots must be received by the RR/CC no later than November 3, 2009 by 8 p.m. Ballots received after 8 p.m. November 3rd, regardless of postmark, will not be accepted.

REQUESTING A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

Voters may request a Vote by Mail ballot in one of the following ways:

- Complete the Vote by Mail application on the back cover of the Official Sample Ballot booklet; or
- Submit an electronic request by visiting the RR/CC website at <u>www.lavote.net</u> and click on *Apply for Vote by Mail Ballot* located in the *Online Services* box of the main page; or

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- Send a letter addressed to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Vote by Mail Section, P.O. Box 30450, Los Angeles, CA 90030-0450; or
- Apply in person at the RR/CC Headquarters, 12400 Imperial Hwy., 3rd Floor, Room 3002, Norwalk, CA 90650.

Voters who request a Vote by Mail ballot can check on the status of their request using the RR/CC's online look-up. Visit www.lavote.net and click on the Mail Ballot Status button in the Quick Links box located on the main page. Voters may also call the RR/CC at (562) 466-1323.

RETURNING YOUR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

In order to be counted, ballots cast by mail must be returned with sufficient time for mail delivery to the RR/CC by 8 p.m. on November 3 (postmarked ballots will not be counted). Vote by Mail ballots may also be returned in person to the RR/CC Headquarters, or delivered to any polling place in the county before the polls close at 8 p.m. on Election Day. A voter may authorize a designated family member to return the voted ballot to a polling place or to the RR/CC in accordance with the procedures outlined on the Vote by Mail ballot return envelope.

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Persons requiring multilingual assistance in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, or Vietnamese can call (800) 481-8683.

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